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TITLE: Muteins of Interleukin 4 Showing Low-Affinity and Short-term
Interaction with the Common γ Chain

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application,
filed on even date herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 4, 5 and 8 as follows:

- A1
4. (Amended) ~~IL~~IL-4 muteins according to [any of] claim[s] 1 to] 3 having additional replacement in one or more of positions 121, 123, 124 and 125.
5. (Amended) A DNA coding for a mutein according to [any one of the] claim[s] 1 [to 4].
- A2
8. (Amended) A method of making a mutein according to [any one of] claim 1 [to 4], wherein the microorganism of claim 7 is cultivated and the mutein is isolated from the culture.